

HB3251



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HB3251

by Rep. Daniel Swanson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-415

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-415

625 ILCS 5/3-806.7

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that beginning in registration year 2021, a member of the active-duty or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces returning from a combat mission shall receive a 50% discount on any subsequent registration fees. Effective January 1, 2021.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 3-415 and 3-806.7 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-415) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-415)

7 Sec. 3-415. Application for and renewal of registration.

8 (a) Calendar year. Application for renewal of a vehicle
9 registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles
10 required to be registered on a calendar registration year, not
11 later than December 1 of each year, upon proper application and
12 by payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle, as
13 provided by law except that application for renewal of a
14 vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be
15 registered on a staggered calendar year basis, shall be made by
16 the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of
17 State.

18 (b) Fiscal year. Application for renewal of a vehicle
19 registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles
20 required to be registered on a fiscal registration year, not
21 later than June 1 of each year, upon proper application and by
22 payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle as
23 provided by law, except that application for renewal of a

1 vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be
2 registered on a staggered fiscal year basis, shall be made by
3 the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of
4 State.

5 (c) Two calendar years. Application for renewal of a
6 vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those
7 vehicles required to be registered for 2 calendar years, not
8 later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the
9 2-year registration period, except that application for
10 renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles
11 required to be registered for 2 years on a staggered
12 registration basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and
13 manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

14 (d) Two fiscal years. Application for renewal of a vehicle
15 registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles
16 required to be registered for 2 fiscal years, not later than
17 June 1 immediately preceding commencement of the 2-year
18 registration period, except that application for renewal of a
19 vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be
20 registered for 2 fiscal years on a staggered registration
21 basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner
22 prescribed by the Secretary of State.

23 (d-5) Three calendar years. Application for renewal of a
24 vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those
25 vehicles required to be registered for 3 calendar years, not
26 later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the

1 3-year registration period.

2 (d-10) Five calendar years. Application for renewal of a
3 vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those
4 vehicles required to be registered for 5 calendar years, not
5 later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the
6 5-year registration period.

7 (e) Time of application. The Secretary of State may receive
8 applications for renewal of registration and grant the same and
9 issue new registration cards and plates or registration
10 stickers at any time prior to expiration of registration. No
11 person shall display upon a vehicle, the new registration
12 plates or registration stickers prior to the dates the
13 Secretary of State in his discretion may select.

14 (f) Verification. The Secretary of State may further
15 require, as to vehicles for-hire, that applications be
16 accompanied by verification that fees due under the Illinois
17 Motor Carrier of Property Law, as amended, have been paid.

18 (g) (Blank).

19 (h) Returning combat mission veterans. Beginning in
20 registration year 2017, the application for renewal, and
21 subsequent fees, of a vehicle registration for a member of the
22 active-duty or reserve component of the United States Armed
23 Forces returning from a combat mission shall not be required
24 for that service member's next scheduled renewal. Beginning in
25 registration year 2021, a member of the active-duty or reserve
26 component of the United States Armed Forces returning from a

1 combat mission shall receive a 50% discount on any subsequent
2 registration fees. Proof of combat mission service shall come
3 from the service member's hostile fire pay or imminent danger
4 pay documentation received any time in the 12 months preceding
5 the registration renewal. Nothing in this subsection is
6 applicable to the additional fees incurred by specialty,
7 personalized, or vanity license plates.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-539, eff. 1-1-14; 98-787, eff. 7-25-14; 99-32,
9 eff. 7-10-15; 99-80, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.7)

11 Sec. 3-806.7. Registration fees for active duty military
12 personnel.

13 (a) Beginning with the 2011 registration year, the standard
14 registration fee set forth in Section 3-806 of this Code for
15 passenger motor vehicles of the first division and motor
16 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
17 pounds and registered under Section 3-815 of this Code, shall
18 be reduced by 50% for any Illinois vehicle owner who was on
19 active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States and stationed outside of the United States for a period
21 of 90 days or longer during the preceding registration year.

22 (b) Illinois residents who are members of the Armed Forces
23 of the United States and who have been stationed outside of the
24 United States for a period of 6 months or longer, and who
25 placed their registered motor vehicle in storage during the

1 time they served abroad, shall be entitled to credit for the
2 unused portion of that registration when they renew the
3 registration of that vehicle upon their return to the United
4 States. For each month or part thereof that the vehicle was in
5 storage and had current registration, the member of the armed
6 forces shall receive one month of registration without charge.

7 (c) Beginning with the 2017 registration year, the standard
8 registration fee set forth in Section 3-806 of this Code for
9 passenger motor vehicles of the first division and motor
10 vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000
11 pounds and registered under Section 3-815 of this Code, shall
12 be waived for the year following the return of any Illinois
13 vehicle owner who is a member of the active-duty or reserve
14 component of the United States Armed Forces who can provide
15 proof of serving in a combat mission. Beginning in registration
16 year 2021, a member of the active-duty or reserve component of
17 the United States Armed Forces returning from a combat mission
18 shall receive a 50% discount on any subsequent registration
19 fees. Nothing in this subsection is applicable to the
20 additional fees incurred by specialty, personalized, or vanity
21 license plates.

22 (Source: P.A. 99-32, eff. 7-10-15.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
24 1, 2021.